

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF
WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
MINUTES
September 16, 2008**

The following are minutes of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators held September 16, 2008 at the Division of Compliance Assistance, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Board Members Present

Dennis Gumbert, Chairman
Dave Pedigo, Vice Chairman
Suzy Bradley
Dr. Andrew Ernest
Randy Bingham
Gary Epperson
Larry Grubbs

Others

Lisa Butler, Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA)
Julia Kays, DCA
Melissa Brothers, KWWOA
Roy Freeman, operator

I Call to order

Dennis Gumbert called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. A motion to approve the August 19, 2008 minutes was entered by Larry Grubbs. Randy Bingham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. New Business

- A. Training Application Reviews – Addendum 1
- B. Exam Requests – There were no exam requests.
- C. A motion to release today's training actions was made by Andy Ernest and was seconded by Randy Bingham. The motion carried.
- D. Roy Freeman, operator talked with the board members regarding the recent accusation by his supervisor of lying on test results for fecal at the Harrodsburg WWTP. He just wanted to make the board aware of the problem in case a referral for disciplinary action was received. The board told Mr. Freeman that if a referral is received they would call him in at that time. However, they said he had taken the correct action by coming before the board.
- E. Andy Ernest distributed the curriculum for the WTTI program offered at Bowling Green Community College. He discussed the possibility of using WTTI as a substitute for the required experience for a class I operator and for a four year college equivalency. There are six courses that constitute the core of the program. The Western Kentucky University is in the process of sanctioning the program. Two options will be available, a two year associates degree or a university issued certificate.
He said one of the questions being asked by facilities is what will be the return on their investment. How will the program get a facility closer to having more certified operators? Andy said he would like to be able to tell facility managers that if they have personnel that take the course it will provide continuing

education or if they take the entire degree program it will count towards a certain number of years of experience.

Aaron explained that the first step would be for them to submit a request for the courses to count towards continuing education credit. This would allow operators that are currently certified to use the courses for continuing education. In terms of substitutions for education, the program will cover everyone except a class IV operator. The terms of substitution are set by the regulations. However, education never substitutes 100% of the required experience. If taken in part or the whole, program can be used to substitute some of the experience requirement. The regulations state that you can only substitute 50% of the required experience with education. Aaron said he and Julia would sit down with him and lay out what substitution individually or for the whole program. He explained that the substitutions were set in the regulations and that they could not grant any substitutions that are not specified in the regulations.

IV. Communications and Announcements

Lisa Butler distributed a financial summary for the month of August 2008 to the board members.

Aaron Keatley told the board that the proposed regulation revisions will be reviewed by the first legislative committee in November. Board members asked what would be the time table for the first test being offered for the collection system certification. Aaron said the goal is to have the test ready in March 2009. Julia also said that the agency plans to open more testing dates to accommodate the testing needs. Suzy asked if there would be any grandfathering. Aaron said that there would be no grandfathering. It had been decided to only go with testing to obtain collection system certification. Aaron and Julia are in the process of preparing the draft of their response to the public comments. The deadline for the response is October 15th.

V. Adjournment

Larry Grubbs entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Epperson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Training Requests

Request #	Date Received	Requested By	Course Title	Hours Requested	Date of Course	WW	1st	2nd	Motion to Approve	Comments	Process Hours Approved	Non-Process Hours Approved	TCH Event ID#
997	8/28/2008	North Central Chapter KWWOA	Water & Wastewater Operator Training Event	6	7/17/08	WW	DG	DP	X		3	3	P 6184; P 6185
998	9/2/2008	ITT Flygt	Pump & Pump Station Operation & Maintenance Seminar	6	9/12/08	WW	DG	RB	X			6	6186